

BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (ENDORSEMENT CODE: 1480)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: A candidate who holds a CE in Bilingual/Bicultural Education and accepted employment into a teaching position requiring the certificate must enroll in a Department approved New Jersey college Bilingual/Bicultural program that includes 12 credit hours of formal instruction while employed provisionally to secure full licensure.

TO AVOID DELAYS: After applying online, please email any transcripts, letters, forms, copies of out-of-state certification or other required documents to certapplication@doe.nj.gov. Electronic transcripts must be sent directly from your university, college, clearinghouse or school. Please include your tracking number in the subject line of all correspondence with our office.

This endorsement entitles the holder to teach Bilingual/Bicultural education in all public schools.

Degree Requirement

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from a regionally accredited college/university.

Cumulative GPA Requirement

- New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative **GPA of at least 3.0 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade** for students graduating on or after **September 1, 2016 (2.75 for those graduating before September 1, 2016)** in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a State-approved post-baccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits.
- Please note that there are GPA Flexibility Rules where a high praxis score may offset a GPA that is lower than 3.0, but higher than 2.75.

Instructional Certification

- Candidates need to possess a NJ instructional certificate with an appropriate endorsement to the subject or grade level to be taught. You will need to apply and be eligible for an instructional certificate. **World Language certificates are not appropriate endorsements** for the Bilingual/Bicultural Education certificate.

Testing Requirements

- **Basic Skills Assessment Requirement (choose one)**
All candidates applying for their initial CE must pass a Commissioner-approved test of basic skills. Scores must be presented directly from Educational Testing Service to the NJ Department of Education. Only official scores are accepted. **The New Jersey Department of Education code (R7666) and your Social Security number must appear on your test score report in order to be accepted. Please submit a copy of your test score report if you have taken the appropriate exams.**

OR

Score in the top one-third percentile on the SAT, ACT, or GRE for the year the test was taken. Official score reports must be sent directly from the testing agency.

- **English Language Proficiency Tests**

You must present evidence of passing oral and written English language proficiency tests (OPI & WPT). The English OPI must be passed with a score of at least Intermediate High. The English WPT must be passed with a score of at least Advanced Low when the target language WPT score is at Intermediate High. The English WPT must be passed with a score of at least Intermediate High when the target language WPT score is at Advanced Low. Information regarding these tests may be found on the Language Testing International website or by calling Language Testing International by phone at 1-800-486-8444. (Exceptions: Candidates for certification who pass the Department-approved basic skills test will be exempt from taking the written English language proficiency test (WPT) requirement.)

- **Target Language Proficiency Tests**

You must present evidence of passing oral and written language proficiency tests (OPI & WPT) in your target language. The OPI must be passed with a score of at least Advanced Low. The Target Language WPT must be passed with a score of at least Advanced Low when the English WPT score is at Intermediate High. The Target Language WPT must be passed with a score of at least Intermediate High when the English WPT score is at Advanced Low. Information regarding these tests may be found on the Language Testing International website or by calling Language Testing International by phone at 1-800-486-8444. (Exceptions: Candidates for certification who establish themselves as a speaker of the target language who was primarily educated at the undergraduate or graduate level in that language, as determined by their submitted foreign evaluation transcript(s), will be exempt from taking the oral and written language proficiency tests (OPI & WPT) in their target language.)

Physiology and Hygiene Requirement

- This requirement may be completed by choosing one of the following options:
 - 1.) Present evidence of basic military training
 - 2.) Complete a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4-year college/university transcript
 - 3.) Complete an online test. You must have a tracking number and an application on file to take this test. Once completed, please email us at Licensing.Requests@doe.nj.gov stating that the test has been taken. You will need to include your name and tracking number in the email.

Fee Requirement

- No checks or money orders will be accepted
- Please make the payment online
- Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.
- If your application expires after six months, you will be charged a fee of \$70.
- All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please email all necessary documentation to certapplication@doe.nj.gov. Electronic transcripts must be sent directly from your university, college, clearinghouse or school. Please include your tracking number in the subject line of all correspondence with our office.

If the above requirements have been met, then you may complete the online application in the Teacher Certification Information System (TCIS).